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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*
Director of Public Works

**BOARD MOTION OF AUGUST 3, 2010, ITEM NO. 52-C
RENAMING ANGELES FOREST HIGHWAY
FROM SIERRA HIGHWAY TO ANGELES CREST HIGHWAY
IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN TEDMUND HALL AND
FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST ARNALDO QUINONES**

Item 52-C on your Board's August 3, 2010, agenda was a motion directing Public Works to report back on a potential renaming of Angeles Forest Highway in honor of Captain Tedmund Hall and Firefighter Specialist Arnaldo Quinones. As you know, both of these men died during the firefighting operations conducted last year in response to the Station Fire.

The Street Naming Committee, which is a deliberative body to consider street renaming requests before they are considered by the Regional Planning Commission and/or your Board, generally follows a policy (copy attached) that is consistent with the California Streets and Highways Code. Ultimately, the decision to rename a County highway rests with your Board after considering the input of the Street Naming Committee and the public through a public hearing. We determined that 64 mailing addresses would change if the highway is renamed. Since Angeles Forest Highway is not a County highway and instead is maintained by the County under a Special Use Permit issued by the Forest Service, the federal government would need to be consulted in order to determine if they would grant jurisdiction to the County in order to conduct a formal hearing on a potential renaming.

Subsequent to your Board's August 3, 2010, action on this matter, we did contact the Forest Service and determined that an option to a formal renaming would instead be a memorial designation of the route in the honor of the two firefighters. We have subsequently received conditional approval from the Forest Service to place two signs, one at each end of Angeles Forest Highway, which acknowledges that the route is a

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memorial highway A copy of the correspondence on this matter is attached along with a potential depiction of the sign. Please note that the style of sign (white lettering on a green background), placement limitation, and content is mandated per the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Your Board may wish to pursue the option of designating this route as a memorial highway We believe such a designation can be made by motion of one of your members as part of a regular agenda item at a future Board meeting. It is our expectation that the motion will contain the specific language for the contents of the signage. If you do take an action to establish a memorial highway designation, we will coordinate sign placement with the Forest Service and continue to coordinate with the Fire Department.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Patrick V DeChellis, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4004.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel (Karen Lichtenberg)
Fire Department
Department of Regional Planning (Todd Zagurski)



STREET NAME ESTABLISHMENT AND CHANGES

I. AUTHORITY

STREET AND HIGHWAY CODE

970.5.

Naming of highways: Adoption of resolution. Notice and hearing: Adoption of name or change of name: Order Whenever the Board of Supervisors finds that a name should be adopted and applied to any County highway, or that the existing name of any County highway should be changed, the Board may adopt a resolution of intention to designate a name for, or change the name of, such highway The resolution shall be set for hearing and notice of such hearing shall be given by posting notice in at least three public places along the street or streets proposed to be affected, such posting to be completed at least ten days before the day set for the hearing. At the time set for hearing or at any time to which the hearing may be continued, the Board shall hear and consider proposals to adopt a name for, or change the name of, the highway mentioned in the resolution and objections to such proposals. At or after the conclusion of the hearing, the Board may adopt a name for, or change the name of, such highway and upon the adoption or change thereof, shall make an order in its minutes officially designating the name for said highway Thereafter, such highway shall be known by the name so designated.

971.

Same: Without resolution, hearing, or notice. Any County highway which has not been officially named may be officially named by the Board of Supervisors upon motion of the Board and without any resolution, hearing, or notice. Such naming shall be by an order duly made and entered in the minutes of the Board. Thereafter, the highway shall be known by the name thus designated.

II. HISTORY

The growing confusion concerning street names led to the organization in 1926 of the Association of City Planners. This Association became the Planning Congress of Los Angeles County and was later expanded into the Southern California Planning Congress, which continued to function until 1949

At that time, the Special Committee on Uniform Street Names was converted to the present-day Street Naming Committee (SNC), who acts as an Advisory Committee to the Regional Planning Commission.



STREET NAME POLICY STATEMENT

(With Amendments to 5-1-83)

This statement was prepared for the SNC meeting of May 12, 1983 and transferred into digital format on May 2, 2008.

- 1 Historic names and/or names referring to applicable geographic features shall be used wherever practicable.
2. Names of existing streets shall be used on new streets which are continuations of, or in alignment with, existing streets. *Amended by SNC minutes of 104-78.*
3. Streets shall not be named after any commercial organization or in a manner to honor any living person.
4. "The Antelope Valley Street Naming Plan (a special system of alpha/numeric street names) shall be preserved. Deviations may be considered when there is proof the plan cannot be complied with." *Amended by SNC minutes of 10-4-78) 11-18-81*
- 5 "The use of thoroughfare designations whether prefixes or suffixes, such as drive, place walk, via, avenida, etc., shall not be considered as affecting a distinction in the basic name." It shall be the policy of the Los Angeles County Street Naming Committee to use the definitions contained in the adopted list. Definitions of Street Name Suffixes and Prefixes, as a basis of determining the appropriate thoroughfare designation prefix or suffix to be applied to any street right-of-way to be named or renamed." *Amended by SNC minutes bi 2-2-77, 12-14-77, 8-2-77, 104-78, 12-6-78.*
6. East and west thoroughfares shall be called streets, and north and south thoroughfares shall be called avenues.
- 7 Streets adjacent to a freeway shall be given different names on each side of such freeway
8. "The use of cardinal prefixes, such as North, South, East and West shall not be considered part of the basic or base name. *Amended by SNC minutes of 8-2-78, 10-4-78.*
- 9 A street name shall not contain more than 18-letter characters including any combinations of spaces, letters, or punctuation designations in the base portion of the name." *Amended by SNC minutes of 104-78, 12-6-78, 1-10-79*



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10. The use of compound names shall be discouraged.

11. Duplicated names are not acceptable.

11a. Add new item.

The Street Naming Committee shall have two separate street naming regions - the North County and the Los Angeles Basin for the purpose of determining street name duplications. *Amended by SNPA 78-1 of 2-1-78.*

12. Any unnamed street or portion thereof shall be named by the County Engineer subject to processing and approval by the Board of Supervisors.

12a. Add new item.

All street name changes of publicly owned street right-of-way shall be recommended for change by the Street Naming Committee and subject to processing and approval by the Board of Supervisors. *Amended by SNC minutes of 1-10-79*

Add new item.

Similar sounding street names are to be avoided within the same fire fighting district to eliminate identification problems when people are reporting street names under stress. *Amended by SNPA 78-2, 1-10-79. Also in SNC minutes of 8-2-78*



DEFINITIONS

STREET NAME PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES

ALLEY · A narrow service street for serving rear of lots, less than 30 feet in width.

AVENUE - A broad public street. A street handsomely laid out with trees. A public way named avenue rather than street to denote its peculiar direction. (Avenues north and south, streets east and west). A public way named for its objective or after the thing approached.

BOULEVARD - A broad formally laid out paved public way, 100 feet or more wide, ornamentally illuminated or decorated.

BYWAY - A narrow obscure street probably private. A subsidiary way

CANAL - (Unique to Venice) A canal or lineal body of water used as transportation.

CIRCLE · A circular junction of streets or highways. A circular street.

COURT · A rectangular pocket off a public way A "dead end" streets.

COVE - Local road following the configuration within a cove or small bay (see dictionary definition).

DRIVE - A recreational or scenic way of local extent. A road through a park.

HIGHWAY - A publicly owned and maintained way with interurban directness and arterial importance through several cities or communities.

LANE · A narrow informal street or passageway

LOOP · A circumferential way A street or way which returns into itself.

MOTORWAY - A truck trail or trail through mountainous terrain usually for fire equipment usage or service access, e.g., power lines, Nike sites, etc. Not for public use.

PARKWAY · A broad public way, divided into drives, bridle paths, walks, and planting strips. A broad formally laid out public way with a planting strip along the center

PLACE - A short street or court. Also the junction on several highways.



ROAD - A public way or highway connecting two or more settlements or towns generally bearing the name or names of the settlements connected.

ROW - A short street or passage.

STREET - A public way forty or more feet wide, used to give pedestrian and vehicular traffic access to the various parcels of land making up a community A public way with a direction contrary to that of the avenues of the community

TERRACE - A short hillside street; a street on a terraced hill.

TRAIL - A pedestrian way through mountainous territory A rough path in wild country A public way following an historical route.

WALK - A pedestrian way

WAY - A narrow road or highway A lane.



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

9:30 AM

- 52-C. Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Direct the Director of Public Works to report back on renaming the road on Highway 2, a 24-mile long road from Sierra Highway and Palmdale South, in memory of the two brave firefighters who were lost during the Station Fire. (10-1814)

On motion of Supervisor Antonovich, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was approved.

Attachments: Report
 Video
 Audio

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held August 3, 2010, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By Sachi A. Hamai

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer



SPANISH TYPE STREET NAME PREFIXES

AVENIDA – Similar to boulevard

CALLE – Small street

CAMINO – Small rural road between cities (not inside cities)

CARRERA – City type street or avenue

PASEO – Walk, stroll, drive

VIA – Same as avenida

CLASSIFICATION BY WIDTH

100 Feet and up	80 Feet	50 to 70 Feet	5 to 30 Feet
Avenida	Avenue	Byway	Alley
Boulevard	Calle	Canal	Loop
Highway	Camino	Circle	Motorway
Parkway	Carrera	Court	Paseo
Via	Highway	Cove	Trail
	Parkway	Drive	Walk
	Road	Loop	
	Street	Paseo	
		Place	
		Row	
		Terrace	
		Way	

**Los Angeles County Firefighters
Captain Tedmund Hall &
Specialist Arnaldo Quinones
Memorial Highway**